FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

DATE: September 29, 2005

BUYS: Purchase of Tomato Paste

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) REJECTS OFFERS OF TOMATO PASTE

USDA announced it has rejected offers received from vendors to sell tomato paste, 6/#10 can, for distribution to the Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs.

The rejected offers to sell were submitted in response to USDA's Announcement FV-302, Invitation 034 (Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-Aside), dated August 30, 2005.

Offers were rejected due to price considerations. A new invitation will be issued in the future.

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2546-South Building, Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517 or the website at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.